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MEDICAL PENSIONERS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the benefit to Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) Pensioners in regard to medical facilities under Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) are restricted to Delhi only;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide medical facilities to all the pensioners of ICAR; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA)

(a) & (b): Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) caters to the Central Government employees/pensioners. The Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) is an autonomous body registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860. Therefore, ICAR employees/ pensioners are not Central Government employees/pensioners. However, as a special dispensation, the Government of India has extended the CGHS facilities to the employees of ICAR Headquarters and Institutes like IARI etc. located in Delhi. These employees continue to receive CGHS facility after superannuation, if they settle in Delhi. However, the CGHS facility has not been extended to the employees/pensioners of ICAR at other CGHS areas due to limited infrastructure facilities and resource constraints.

(c) & (d): Central Government pensioners at non-CGHS areas are entitled to a fixed medical allowance of Rs.100/- per month to meet the day to day medical expenses on treatment. ICAR pensioners outside Delhi are also entitled to the fixed medical allowance at the same rate. Some institutes of the ICAR have dispensaries attached with them and these dispensaries cater medical facilities, to the extent available, to the pensioners who have registered with those dispensaries. Medical reimbursement to the pensioners for in patient treatment in Government/approved hospital is made as per the Civil Service (Medical Attendance) Rules.